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16 July 1958

STAFF MEETING MINUTES - 15 July 1958

Personnel Present: Col. Burke

Mr. Reber

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Mr. Cunningham

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1. Coverage of Alexandria and Port Said - In response to a request by Admiral Frost, USN, for daily coverage of Alexandria and Port Said, it was determined that Mr. Reber and Colonel Burke would approach General Cabell for approval on 15 July, the latter's schedule permitting.

ACTION: Col. Burke, Mr. Reber SUSPENSE: 15 July

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2. Channelling [] Reports to the Sixth Fleet - There was a discussion about how best to submit sanitized [] reports and [] flash reports to the Sixth Fleet. A primary consideration was the security of our unit at Adana []

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[] The consensus of those present was that security could be preserved with little if any sacrifice of speed by forwarding such reports to the CHALICE Signal Center in Washington, thence to the Navy Signal Center in the Pentagon and from there to the Sixth Fleet.

ACTION: Mr. Reber, [] SUSPENSE: 17 July

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3. Movement to New Space - [] announced that Finance and Communications would move to their new space on 21 July and that the other sections involved would move on Wednesday, 23 July.

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4. Emergency War Plan - [] announced that this paper was slightly amended by Mr. Bissell and was with General Cabell for approval.

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ACTION: Col. Burke

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5. Operational Procedures Paper - [] announced that this paper was with the Air Staff for coordination.

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ACTION: [] SUSPENSE: 22 July

6. Headquarters T/O Reduction - Col. Burke summarized some of the discussions which had taken place in the past week on the possibility of various T/O reductions. He noted that any requests for new positions must demonstrate excessive overtime or show the addition of new functions.

ACTION: Col. Burke

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7. Noise Suppression in System IV - [] announced that noise suppression kits had been forwarded from R-W to the [] Depot on 11 July. Mailing time from the depot to Base B is approximately six days.

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ACTION: [] SUSPENSE: 22 July

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8. Omni-Directional Navigation System - [] noted that [] was currently at Edwards discussing the omni-directional system with Edwards personnel and [] of Lockheed. The query concerning this system had not been answered by the detachments.

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ACTION: [] SUSPENSE: 22 July

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9. Operation [] Progress - The [] operations plan had apparently evoked little enthusiasm from the Air Force. General Cabell requested that the DPS Staff prepare a detailed justification of the best operations for his evaluation and further action. Mr. Reber had also prepared two papers on ELINT for use in discussions with General Cabell.

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ACTION: Col. Burke, Mr. Reber, Operations SUSPENSE: 17 July

In this connection it was noted that support aircraft could become a problem if there were a priority requirement to remove U. S. civilians from the Middle East. A discussion of the desirability of slipping the whole operation a week (with a new operational readiness date of 3 August) resulted in a decision to recommend such a delay to Mr. Bissell by telephone.

ACTION: Col. Burke, Mr. Cunningham SUSPENSE: 16 July

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10. Edwards Test Program - [] stated that [] was currently reviewing Edwards' test program at Edwards.

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ACTION: []

SUSPENSE: 22 July

11. Current U-2 Operations as Result of Recent Accidents - Col. Burke stated that all CHALICE flights were being controlled by Headquarters at this point but that such Headquarters control would be relinquished as of 17 July if current investigations did not indicate engine or airframe problems by that time.

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[], calling from Del Rio, had said that one result of the investigations was that desiccant cartridges in the oxygen service kit should be changed every eight uses rather than on inspection as at present. A cable to the detachments is required.

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ACTION: []

SUSPENSE: 16 July

12. Transfer of U-2 348 to FOG - [] noted that U-2 348 was being test-hopped on 15 July prior to transfer to FOG.

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13. Temporary De-activation [] - In view of the five weeks' de-activation [] approved by Mr. Bissell, [] proposed that the Headquarters' communicator assigned to [] be returned to Headquarters for this period. He suggested that a wire be sent to [] asking their concurrence.

ACTION: []

SUSPENSE: 16 July

14. Col. Burke's Forthcoming Trip to Detachment C - Col. Burke reviewed with the staff several matters, primarily in the personnel field, on which he wished to be briefed prior to his trip to Detachment C.

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ACTION: []

15. AF Personnel Exit Interviews - Col. Burke requested that we secure copies of the exit interviews for Air Force personnel returning to the Air Force. It is understood that there have been some complaints voiced in these interviews which are not being sent back to DPS for review and possible corrective action.

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16. Briefing of New Commander and R & D Officer for Edwards

Test Site - [redacted] announced that [redacted] the new CO of the Edwards unit, and [redacted] the new Edwards R & D Officer, would both be in town the latter part of this week and the first part of next. He suggested that their briefings should be particularly careful and complete in view of the positions they are to occupy.

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